

CITY OF BERKELEY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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To: City Council Housing Subcommittee

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Subject: 1990 CENSUS DATA ON RENTAL UNITS

1990 Census data is now available on the number of rental units in Berkeley, a subject that is central to much of the debates over the effects of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

Occupied rental units, 1980	27,821
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Occupied rental units, 1990	24,512
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Correction for approximately 200 residential hotel rooms mistakenly classified as group quarters	+188
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Occupied rental units, 1990	24,700
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Net loss of rental units, 1980-1990	3,100
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Rental units added, 1980-1990	500
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Gross loss of rental units, 1980-1990	3,600
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Sources of loss of rental units

Rentals converted to owner-occupancy	1,800
Increase in vacancies	500
Conversion/destruction residential hotels	400
Units removed/merged	800
Unexplained	100

Units converted to owner-occupancy

Single-family detached	1,000
Single-family attached	275
Duplex	200
3 or 4 unit structure	225
5 or more unit structure	-40
Other	140



Total rental units versus units registered

Occupied rental units	24,512
Registered, 1990	18,700
Unregistered	5,800

Section 8	1,700
Rent free	600
Government assisted	450
Built post-1980	500
Owner-occupied duplexes	550?
Total exempt	3,800

Single-family rentals	3,700 (Overstated by several hundred
S-f rentals registered	800 due to cases of multiple s-f
S-f rentals unregistered	2,900? cottages on one lot.)

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